



Public Service Through Amateur Radio

South Wake ARC's primary purpose is to further the Amateur Radio Service through programs, activities, and education, in order to promote the radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency of our members. Further, it shall be our purpose to support the welfare of our community through public service including radio communications for emergency situations and public events, and through providing information, training, and assistance to individuals or organizations with an interest in the Amateur Radio Service.

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SWARCer News

March 2014

2014 NC QSO Party After-Action Report

My 14 year old son, Bryan (KK4TTU), and I were really excited about participating in this year's QSO party and committed to blocking off our calendars for it. We even went and registered for N4B as a special event call sign for it. [I have since come to my senses and realized that just operating in a state QSO party doesn't really qualify as a special event, so I won't do it again and would encourage others to really think about it before doing it themselves.]



We were going to be Expedition class, multi-operator, SSB in Carteret County at a friend's place in Atlantic Beach. We started setting up on Saturday and I realized that the power cable for the TS-2000 wasn't in the case. I had brought the spare TS-140 just in case, but we both wanted to use the newer radio. So, off to Radio Shack to get the parts to build the cable, though without the proper connector block, just the pins. That gave Bryan a chance to practice his soldering skills and we now have an emergency cord that can be used for just about any radio. What good is a contest that doesn't involve a little solder smoke beforehand?

The antenna was a 20 meter OCF dipole. There weren't any trees, so we did the best we could from running the antenna from the roof peak and out to the yard. Fortunately, the neighboring homes were vacant for the weekend, so our antenna building activity was barely noticed. The radio tuned up to it and would work across 10, 20, 40, and 75 at less than 1.5:1 so we were good to go.

As the contest started we had several quick entries, then realized that the laptop time was set to GMT and the logging software was assuming it was Eastern. Lesson learned: double check with a dummy log the day before! We had some really good runs, then we took a break for a bit and drove down to Fort Macon and walked around a bit, then came back and worked until the end. We worked a couple of SWARC friends, Ken (KK4OSI) in Watauga and Harley (KE4RUN) in Harnett. We only had 282 contacts, 43 counties, 20-something states and a few DX at the end of the contest, but we had a good time and was able to have a nice relaxed pace. More importantly, we had fun.



NETS

The following nets take place
on the 145.21Mhz
(82.5 Hz)K4ITL
"Blackjack" Repeater.

Nightly 2m Rag Chew Net - Every
night at at 7:30pm

South Wake ARC Traders Net -
Every Tuesday night of each month
with the exception of the 2nd
Tuesday, immediately following the
Nightly 2m Rag Chew Net.

South Wake ARC Tech Net -
Every 2nd Tuesday night
immediately following the Nightly
2m Rag Chew Net

This was our first true, complete contest for both of us. I'd done Field Day fairly aggressively over the years, but only for a shift or two.
We both had a great time and you know it is a win when your son says "That was cool. When is the next contest?"

Thanks to everyone for a great NCQP in 2014, with a special thanks to the RARS group for doing such a top-notch job in getting interest stirred up.

+mike
KD4OKR

Public Service Opportunities

The South Wake ARC participates actively in public service events. Please email our Public Service director, Charles W4DBI, if you will be participating in any events so he can keep track of participation.

March 15, 2014 Wrightsville Beach, NC **Quintilles Wrightsville Beach Marathon**

April 5, 2014 Morrisville, NC **MS Spring Fling**

April 5, 2014 Raleigh, NC **MS Triangle Walk**

Stay tuned to the club website (www.southwakearc.com) for further details, and upcoming events.

Check in to the Ham Public Service SIG Net every Wednesday night at 7:30pm on the Carolina 440 UHF link system.

Announcements

Next Club Meeting: March 3, 2014 - 6pm dinner \ 7pm Meeting
Location: Fuquay-Varina Presbyterian Church-307 N Ennis St. Fuquay-Varina
Program: TBD

Weekly Informal Breakfast

Every Saturday 9am - Now meeting at Golden Corral in Garner, NC - Hwy 401 & Tryon Rd.

March Hamfests:

March 7: Charlotte Hamfest and NC Section Convention

March Operating Events:

March 1: ARRL International DX Contest (SSB)

March 7: Idaho QSO Party

March 8: Wisconsin QSO Party

March 15: Russian DX Contest, Virginia QSO Party

March 16: North American Sprint (SSB)

March 22: Louisiana and Oklahoma QSO Parties

March 29: CQ World-Wide WPX (SSB)

Find more at <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/contestcal.html>

January Net Report



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APPOINTED POSITIONS

Net Manager

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Hello to all SWARCers! Since this is my first report in a while, I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Years! This report covers January nets. I decided to try something a little different for the top 10 members check ins. Instead of order from 1-10, im going to try 10-1 this time. Here are the numbers as follows.

Net Sessions: 30 (1 missing)

SWARC Members Participating: 25

Visitors Participating: 80

Total Check Ins: 618

Average of 21 check ins each night.

Net Controls

KA0GMY called 7 nets

NC4MP called 5 nets

K9RII called 4 nets

KT4JR called 4 nets

KK4BVU (guest) called 4 nets

KJ4CVK called 3 nets

AJ4NX called 3 nets

Top 10 Members Check Ins

10) "Mr. Pres." KD4OKR and KI4YII with 4 check ins each.

9) "Brass Jaws" NC4BJ with 6 check ins.

8) NC4RA with 9 check ins.

7) KK4TFC with 13 check ins.

6) "VP" KK4OSI, and KI4FTR with 14 check ins each.

5) K9RII with 23 check ins.

4) KK4QDZ with 25 check ins.

3) "Mr. No Days Off" NC4MP with 26 check ins.

2) "Hardrock" KJ4CVK with 27 check ins.

And the check in champs for January are:

KT4JR, K4MWE, and "The Geekinator" KA0GMY with 30 check ins each.

That does it for this report! I know I have not announced this on the nets recently, nor have I mentioned here, but I am always happy to have some extra net controls. I am mentioning this because recently someone contacted me about giving a net a try. We don't have any nights open, but it does not hurt to have substitute net controls, and in the event a regular net control has to give up there net for whatever reason, you might have an opportunity to take over that night. If you have any interest in becoming a net control, please email me at aj4nx@yahoo.com.

Last, but not least, I would like to thank KT4JR. While I was out of town over the holidays, she took over temporary net whip responsibilities, which helped me out a lot. Thank you KT4JR!

That is all I have for this month! 73 till next time!

~AJ4NX~



South Wake Amateur Radio Club Treasurer Report			
February 2014			
Club Addition and Reduction Activity			
Additions			
Meal	90.00	cash/check	payment for meal (\$5.00/person)
50/50	16.00	cash	
Donation	5.00	cash	
Dues	15.00	cash	Curtis Carrington (KG4LTN)
Dues	20.00	check#10109	Wally (KV4TA) and Joan Courie
Total Additions	146.00		
Reductions			
Food Lion	17.54	check #1557	soda
Milano's	91.51	check #1558	pizza
Total Reductions	109.05		
Balance as of 02/03/2014	2105.63		
Addition	146.00		
Reduction	109.05		
Balance as of 03/03/2014	2142.58	Christine Fernandini KJ4AEO 03/03/2014	

SWARCER NEWS

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